

MEMORANDUM OF THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION
OF INQUIRY

Sub:- COMMISSIONS - Commission of Inquiry under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 - Justice P. Ramakrishnam Raju , Commission of Inquiry who was appointed as Single Member Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the allotment of Government land at Rs 1-00 lakh per acre and grant of mining lease in favour of M/s Raghuram Cements Limited, Hyderabad - Action Taken Report and approval of "Final Inquiry Report" - Regarding.

The Government in G.O.Ms.No.648, Rev (Assn.IV) Department, dated: 14.05.2007 have appointed Justice P. Ramakrishnam Raju, retired Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, as a Single Member of Commission of Inquiry to inquire into issues relating to the allotment of Government lands to an extent of Ac 487-20 in Tippaluru Village, Yerraguntla Mandal and in Nallingayapalli Village, Kamalapuram Mandal at the rate of Rs. 1-00 lakh per acre and Grant of Mining lease in favour of M/s. Raghuram Cements Ltd., Hyderabad.

In the G.O.Ms.No.781, Rev (Assn.IV) Department, dated. 7.6.2007, Government have issued following two issues for inquiry by the Commission of Inquiry:-

- (i) Whether the decision taken by the State Government to alienate Government land on market value to an extent of Ac. 400 in Nallingayapalli village of Kamalapuram Mandal and Ac. 87.20 cts in Thippaluru village of Yerraguntla Mandal in Kadapa District totaling to Ac. 487.20 cts, in favour of M/s Raghuram Cements Ltd., for construction of their proposed cement factory was in ***accordance with the established norms and procedure of*** allotting Government lands to companies, whether the ***price of Rs. 1.00 lakh*** per acre fixed by the Government was reasonable, taking into account the prevailing market rate for similarly situated lands in the vicinity and

whether the said allotment was ***different in any manner*** compared to alienations in favour of various companies in the past by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for similar purposes.

- (ii) Whether the issuance of G.O.Ms.No.95, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department, dated 27.3.2006 by Government of Andhra Pradesh granting mining lease to M/s Raghuram Cements Ltd, for establishing their proposed cement factory in Kadapa District was in conformity with the established norms, procedures and provisions of law.

Hon'ble Justice Sri P.Ramakrishnam Raju has visited the Nallingayapalli (V) of Kamalapuram (M) and Thippaluru (V) of Yerraguntla (M) on 14-8-2007 and made personal inspection of these Government lands sold under public auction to M/s Raghuram Cements Limited accompanied by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Kamalapuram and Mandal Revenue Officer, Yerraguntla and Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa. The Commission of Inquiry has obtained the relevant original G.Os of Revenue Department and Industries & Commerce Department alongwith the precedent cases for examination.

Hon'ble Justice Sri P.Ramakrishnam Raju, Single Member Commission of Inquiry, having considered all the aspects thoroughly and exhaustively, as referred to in the terms of reference, has submitted his report to Government on 29-8-2007. In the report he has observed that the Government have meticulously followed the procedure while issuing orders for alienating Government lands in question and leasing of the mines to M/s Raghuram Cements Limited in terms of established norms, procedures and provisions of law. He has not identified (or) pointed out any irregularities and

not suggested / recommended any further action in the matter.

The above recommendations of Justice Sri P. Ramakrishnam Raju, Single Member Commission of Inquiry have been approved by the Government.

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